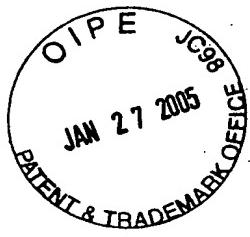


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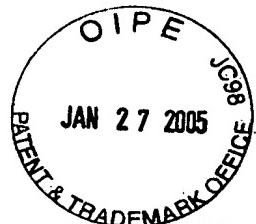
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In response to the August 12, 2004 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 7-10 and 15-17 are pending, with claims 7, 8 and 15 being the only independent claims.

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